

## Communities of Opportunity Initiative

Community Progress Report

January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Due: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

**Name of Community:** Early County  
**Date:**

**Local Champion:**

Co-Op Strategies	List Measures of Success, (Or Barriers If Applicable)	Action Items Completed for Each Strategy	Cost Estimate	Provide a Brief Description of Issues and Action Items to be Addressed Next Quarter
Assist teenage parents and/or pregnant teens to complete high school.	Recruitment and marketing began in January 2010 and the 1 <sup>st</sup> class was held January 20 at ECHS from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Twelve females attended from 10 <sup>th</sup> grade and two females enrolled in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade. Barriers are conflicting schedules in school system. Difficult to find a time when all are available. Also, counselors have been less than cooperative in promoting the program	Individual meetings with each student with case manager and counselor present, sometimes a parent. Goal is to support student with resources they need to stay in school and graduate. Student may need a tutor to catch up with school work due to excessive absence from school.	January 2010: Case manager 22 hr x \$15=\$330/Coordinator @\$25 p/h x 10 =\$250 Feb : Case manager 25 hrs\$15=\$375/Coordinator @\$25 p/h x 12 =\$300 March- Case manager 24 hrs\$15=\$360/Coordinator @\$25 p/h x 14 =\$350  1 <sup>st</sup> quarter=\$1965 (Coop funds)	Will need to find a time and place outside of school for students to meet during the summer.
Improve parenting skills and knowledge	Three group meetings held between January and March 2010. Students surveyed to determine subject matter of most interest to them. The Born to Learn curriculum from Parents As Teachers is the foundation of all topics.	One meeting per month after school. Refreshments and door prizes (donated-in kind) provided. Partners include Dept. of Family/Children Services, Public Health, HeadStart, private childcare providers	Food and supplies @ \$150 p/month=\$450.  \$450 match (Family Connection)	Anticipate no changes/problems. Students enjoy group meetings and summer activities will be planned as incentive to keep them attending.
Workforce Development	Assist students with career guidance and knowledge of school to work programs	Career Resource Fair planning meeting for event in May 2010. Partners include Chamber of Commerce, Public Library, Literacy Task Force, GA Dept. of Labor, Family Connection, Bainbridge College	\$1000 match (Family Connection/Literacy Task Force)	Evaluation forms at exit of Career Fair. Will follow up with responses by students and make contact with them during summer.
Training and mentoring	Utilize prevention strategies/awareness to prevent	Case manager and coordinator attended 2 day prevention training provided by	\$460 \$250 curriculum	Will begin using specific curriculum targeting teen

	student from having 2 <sup>nd</sup> child before age 20.	Parents As Teachers GA Network. Received certification in "Issues in Working with Teen Parents".	Total \$710 (Coop funds)	parents
Teach self-sustainability	Life skills workshops	Weekly financial literacy workshops facilitated by County Extension for 12 weeks. Teaches household budgeting, banking/lender education, balancing checkbooks, taxes and other items of interest. Will complete in May 2010.	\$1200 (in kind)	Will continue and complete course.